

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

St Anne  
Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

St Francis of Assisi  
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

## Parish Contacts:

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**School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head of School:** Nanette Allies

**Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Cathy Pickles (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Liz White (Mil).

**PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator :** Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John

Parry . **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

From 10 - 10.30am after  
Mass on Saturdays  
or by request

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	Marie Corr RIP	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	John Smith & Mary Simpson RIP F/M	DMA
MON	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Those who are unwell	DMA
WED	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Vincent de Paul, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
WED	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Vincent de Paul, Mem, ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
WED	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Vincent de Paul, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Owen Kavanagh RIP Anniv B'day	DMA
FRI	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Holy Archangels, Feast, ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Jerome, Mem, ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

### **Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:**

**Sept 23/24 Cathedral; Sept 30 - CAFOD Harvest appeal; Oct 7/8 - CAFOD Harvest Collection;  
Oct 14/15 - SVP Appeal & Collection; Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection; Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection**

**THE FIRST AND THE LAST:** One way of responding to the teaching of Jesus is to take a Gospel passage and identify with each of the main characters in the parable or story. Then one needs to recognise one's feeling and reactions. It is called "owning our biases". We all approach the Gospel with preconceived ideas and basic assumptions about life. This is just the way we are and it's not a matter for guilt or blame. We can however take responsibility for ourselves which opens the way to seeing things in a new light and responding in a different way. Jesus is always challenging our basic assumptions about self, others, the world, what is good and bad and what is worth striving for. If we want a relationship with God now and if we hope for that relationship to endure for eternal life then we must continue the effort to get on God's wavelength. Thankfully God will do all the hard work if we let her.

Take this Sunday's Gospel. There are three main characters, the landowner, the labourers hired first and the labourers hired last. We need to stand "in the shoes" of these different people and experience what it feels like. Then we can ask ourselves why we think and feel the way we do.

Some years ago, when I was in South Africa I noticed that in certain places in the towns labourers and craftsmen would stand around waiting to be hired by contractors. Imagine if you have a family to feed or if one of your children is sick. You don't have regular job & therefore no regular wage.

You have to depend on others to hire you. Then when you have been hired and have worked hard all day long you get the same money as someone who has only worked a few hours. How does that make you feel? What are the expectations of justice and fairness? What if you are a trade union representative?

Now put yourself in the shoes of a labourer hired last. You have been waiting for most of the day. You are getting more and more depressed and worried. Will you get enough money to live on? Will you have to work on into the night? How will you feel having to go home to the family with only a little money, not enough to pay the bills and buy food? How will you feel when you are paid the same as those who have worked all day? You receive something you didn't earn or deserve. The gift comes from the sheer benevolence of the landowner. How does that feel? Would you feel more secure if you had earned the wages?

Now put yourself in the position of the landowner. It is your land, your money and you control the work. Would you pay the labourers the same? Would you think about their personal circumstances? Would you be influenced by the objections of other people?

If the landowner represents God it means that God looks to the needs of each person. It means that God gives according to God's own goodness. God is free to do as she sees fit with her gifts. As God is loving to us all we have no reason to complain. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Charles Victor Freeman (26<sup>th</sup>), Thomas Lawrence Bidwell (28<sup>th</sup>), Daphne Rose Igoe (30<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Audrey Heneghan, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

**RESTORED CANDLE STAND:** Thanks to Andrew & Peter, another candle stand is now available near to Our Lady's statue. As there is now extra capacity for votive candles, these should no longer be left lying on the tray as this represents a health & safety hazard. Andrew has also fitted a hand rail by the steps on the lectern side of the sanctuary to assist access to the restored candle stand.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Denis Green (26<sup>th</sup>), William Sandle (28<sup>th</sup>), Joseph Coleman (29<sup>th</sup>), Flo Akoylls (30<sup>th</sup>)

**Please remember in your prayers:** Eileen Dunn, Anna Hubbard, Bliss Morris, Kieran Holland and Jo Chatterton. Some of us have been to see Jo and we found that when she was in the Community room, Jo was very happy, telling us about the different people whom she was getting to know. Sadly, when in her own room, the old distress and anger quickly returns. But she does like the staff and is enjoying her food!

**Fr Quarmby will say Mass** at 10am next week on each weekday, except Wednesday when the Parish Mass takes place at 10am as usual.

**Time for the next Parish Lunch:** We meet from 12mid-day onwards at The Foresters on Tuesday 26th Sept. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone who is new among us.

**The House Mass (last week)** There has been generous thanks to the host couple for that occasion, but they would like to thank Jose and the members of the Social Committee, who did a wonderful job with our splendid refreshments. Thanks too to Theresa Baker for the floral decoration on our altar and Annabelle Mellor for her lovely flower display on the front door. Later, a magical group appeared to clear it all away! Our thanks to all of you, especially Fr David, for ensuring the main Celebration was such a pleasure!

**Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** Don't forget to read all about Deacon Roger's plans at Holbury! It needs many of us to back him up and there is an important meeting for those of us who feel tentative about offering to help, but would like to, if time and not too heavy a commitment are possible. Come to the meeting and learn more fully about what is asked of us on Wednesday 27th of this month, 7pm at St Joseph's, Lymington. This plan really is a case of 'the more, the merrier', or should I say 'the easier'!

**St Vincent de Paul Society.** October is a special month for the promotion of the work of the SVPs. There will be a special second collection in aid of the Society's work. Please see the poster on the notice board in the porch. Also a more detailed article in the section for All Parishes. **Please remember your sub-editor and keep the sheet alive and up to date. Just tell me the item and I'll write up the rest. Send it to greenoaks@waitrose.com before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!**

## All Parishes:

**THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA PROJECT, HOLBURY:** The volunteers from LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST AND MILFORD ON SEA will be one team and our evening will be Wednesdays, 6-10pm. We will not start until late October/November- date to be confirmed.

But we would need many more than three volunteers per night from all our parishes if we are to help in this ambitious plan. The more volunteers we have the less onerous it will be. We need at least 12 volunteers a month. Can you find one Wednesday evening each month to help? The working lives of these seafarers is truly grim and some pot-washers on big ocean cruise liners for example, only receive a wage of 69p an hour, well below the minimum wage in the UK; but even so, most of their monies are sent home!

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IN JOSEPH'S PLACE, LYMINGTON TO SORT OUT THE ROTA ETC.**

**Please come and join our team! The more volunteers we have the easier it will be. Speak to Fr David or leave your name and contact details in the postbox at the back door of the Presbytery, No.132 High St.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Minnie Gifford (25<sup>th</sup>), John Charles Hutchins (27<sup>th</sup>), Hannah Moon, Albert 'Ernie' Borrie (28<sup>th</sup>), Eva Walsh, Elizabeth Salmon, Daniel Reginald Murphy (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Chrissie James, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

**INTRODUCTION TO ALTAR SERVING:** I will be holding an introduction to Altar Serving on the next two Sundays: 24th Sept and 1st Oct at 11.30am after Mass. If you are interested just turn up. Mike Reynolds.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE** will meet on 10th October at 2.15 in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. Our speaker will be John O'Malley and he works for the **Orangutan Appeal UK**. He will start his presentation at approx 3pm. There will be a video showing us about the work of this organisation. **Parish members welcome.**

**CHILDREN'S BULLETIN:** From this weekend we will be making available a bulletin specifically for our younger parishioners. 'Ichthus' is aimed at post First Communion children and 'Look' is mainly for pre First Communion children. Please feel free to take whichever you feel is suitable for your child/ren. Coloured crayons are also available from the back of the Church. Parents will you please ensure that your child/ren taken their bulletins home with them each week and that they are encouraged to return the crayons to the box. We hope they enjoy this new experience.

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**CAFOD Harvest Fast day Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** This Harvest fast day we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can. Many thanks.

The 'Domestic Church' or **How can we live out our faith in our busy and chaotic home lives?** Workshop and discussion led by Lucy and Paul Docherty. Saturday 14th of October, 1600-1745, Mass at 6pm. St Peter's RC Church, Winchester.

The **NEW FOREST CATENIANS** have arranged **A GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ON 30TH OCTOBER**. It is planned to travel by coach from Lyndhurst to arrive in London in time for the tour at 11.45. The tour lasts about an hour and a quarter and there is free time afterwards until the coach sets off from London at 16.30 The cost of the coach will be £25/£30 depending on numbers while the actual guided tour is free. If you are interested in joining this tour you will be most welcome. **Please contact Bill Pignatelli by 15th September** at wpignatelli@gmail.com or on 01590 623360

**EVENTS AT WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY: Celtic Contemplation:** A follow up from our popular February day on the Celtic Saints. This day takes us into contemplation. Date: 21st October 2017. Cost: £29 to include lunch, refreshments and afternoon tea.

**To Book:** Call Wisdom Centre on 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey for details

**New Community and Wellbeing Programme - Drop in on a Wednesday Evenings**

**Meditation:** Contemplative Wisdom in Christian and other traditions - For all faiths and none. Every Wednesday Evening 7.30-8.30pm. Cost: Donations welcome

**Craft and Chatter:** Knitting, patchwork, crochet, card making and more... Come along with a project, or use our simple ideas! Every Wednesday Evening 7.30-9.30pm. Cost: £3.00 to include refreshments. If you are thinking of coming along please let us know so we get an idea of how many chairs to put out! Call Wisdom Centre on 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey

## The St Vincent de Paul Society

Helping to Care for the Lonely and Vulnerable

SVP members don't see themselves as anybody special. They just seek out those in need and put their personalities and life experience into the friendships they deliver

**SVP Collection at all Masses on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October - please help us.**

